

ANIMAL INDUSTRY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 466 of 1988

287.708 State veterinarian; powers and duties generally.

Sec. 8. (1) Under the direction of the director, the state veterinarian shall do all of the following:

(a) Develop and enforce policy and supervise activities to carry out this act and other state and federal laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to the health and welfare of animals in this state on public or private premises.

(b) Promulgate rules under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, for the use of veterinary biologicals including diagnostic biological agents.

(c) Maintain a list of reportable animal diseases. The state veterinarian shall review and update the list annually and more often if necessary.

(d) Maintain a list of veterinary biologicals whose sale, distribution, use, or administration by any person is reported to the director when requested by the director within 10 working days of the sale, distribution, use, or administration. The state veterinarian shall review and update the list annually and more often if necessary.

(e) Develop and implement scientifically based surveillance and monitoring programs for reportable diseases when the director determines, with advice and consultation from the livestock industry and veterinary profession, that these programs would aid in the control or eradication of a reportable disease or strengthen the economic viability of the industry.

(2) The state veterinarian may require that the importation and use of veterinary biologicals or biological agents be reported to the department and may restrict the use of certain veterinary biologicals to veterinarians when the disease or veterinary biological involved has a substantial impact on public health, animal health, or animal industry.

(3) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the state veterinarian may enter upon any public or private premises to enforce this act.

(4) A person shall not give false information in a matter pertaining to this act and shall not impede or hinder the director in the discharge of his or her duties under this act.

(5) Upon demand of the director, a person transporting livestock shall produce documentation that contains the origin of shipment, registration or permit copies or documentation, documentation demonstrating shipping destination, and any other proof that may be required under this act.

(6) The director may waive any testing requirements after epidemiologic review.

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